**Docket No:** 06-0525 **Bench Date:** 9/26/06

Deadline: N/A

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Commission

**FROM:** Claudia E. Sainsot, Administrative Law Judge

DATE: September 11, 2006

SUBJECT: Illinois Commerce Commission

On its Own Motion

Consideration of the federal standard on interconnection in

Section 1254 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Grant the Joint Motion to Amend the Initiating Order and enter

the attached Amendatory Order.

On July 26, 2006, this Commission issued an order initiating this rulemaking. The initiating order in this docket, and in another docket, 06-0526, arose in response to a Staff report dated July 17, 2006. In the initiating order in this docket, this Commission noted that, pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, (the "EPAct") state regulatory authorities must determine whether to adopt federal standards for electric utility interconnection by August 8, 2007. (See, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 2622(b)(5)(B)). However, in the findings and ordering paragraphs, such deadline is set forth as February 8, 2007.

Docket 06-0526 concerns time-based metering, for which, federal law has imposed a deadline of February 8, 2007, to consider whether to adopt federal standards on the issue. (16 U.S.C. Sec. 2621(d)(14)(A)). Apparently, that deadline was inadvertently placed in the findings and ordering paragraphs of the order initiating this docket.

The parties filed a motion jointly seeking an amendatory order changing the deadline imposed in the order initiating this docket from February 8, 2007, to August 8, 2007. The movants' request is reasonable and it should be granted. The attached amendatory order changes the word "February" to "August" in the appropriate places.

I recommend, therefore, that the Commission grant the joint movants' motion to amend the Initiating Order in this docket, and enter the attached amendatory order.